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BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of)	FPPC No.: 03/474
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BUTTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL)	STIPULATION, DECISION, and
COMMITTEE AND JACK R. SARGENT,)	ORDER
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Respondents.)	

Complainant Mark Krausse, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, and Respondents Butte County Republican Central Committee and Jack R. Sargent hereby agree that this stipulation will be submitted for consideration by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The parties agree to enter into this stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised by this matter and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to determine the liability of Respondents.


Respondents understand, and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive, any and all procedural rights set forth in sections 83115.5, 11503, and 11523 of the Government Code, and in section 18361 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the right to personally appear at any administrative hearing held in this matter, to be represented by an attorney at Respondents' own expense, to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying at the hearing, to

1 subpoena witnesses to testify at the hearing, to have an impartial administrative law judge preside over
2 the hearing as a hearing officer, and to have the matter judicially reviewed.

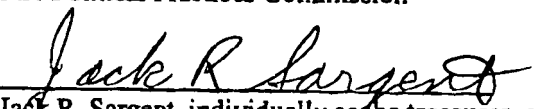
3 It is further stipulated and agreed that Respondents violated the Political Reform Act by
4 accepting a contribution in excess of the contribution limit for the purpose of making contributions to
5 support or defeat candidates for elective state office, in violation of section 85303, subdivision (b) of the
6 Government Code (1 count); and by using a contribution in excess of the contribution limit to make
7 contributions to candidates for elective state office, in violation of section 85303, subdivision (c) of the
8 Government Code (1 count), as described in Exhibit 1. Exhibit 1 is attached hereto and incorporated by
9 reference as though fully set forth herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate summary of the facts in this
10 matter.

11 Respondents agree to the issuance of the decision and order that is attached hereto. Respondents
12 also agree to the Commission imposing upon them an administrative penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars
13 (\$10,000). A cashier's check from Respondents, in said amount, made payable to the "General Fund of
14 the State of California," is submitted with this stipulation as full payment of the administrative penalty
15 and shall be held by the State of California until the Commission issues its decision and order regarding
16 this matter. The parties agree that in the event the Commission refuses to accept this stipulation, it shall
17 become null and void, and within fifteen (15) business days after the Commission meeting at which the
18 stipulation is rejected, all payments tendered by Respondents in connection with this stipulation shall be
19 reimbursed to Respondents. Respondents further stipulate and agree that in the event the Commission
20 rejects the stipulation, and a full evidentiary hearing before the Commission becomes necessary, neither
21 any member of the Commission, nor the Executive Director, shall be disqualified because of prior
22 consideration of this stipulation.

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24 Dated: May 26, 2004


Mark Krausse, Executive Director
Fair Political Practices Commission

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27 Dated: 5/25/04


Jack R. Sargent, individually as the treasurer, and on behalf
of Butte County Republican Central Committee,
Respondents

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DECISION AND ORDER

The foregoing stipulation of the parties, “In the Matter of Butte County Republican Central Committee and Jack R. Sargent, FPPC No. 03/474” including all attached exhibits, is hereby accepted as the final decision and order of the Fair Political Practices Commission, effective upon execution below by the Chairman.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: _____

Liane M. Randolph, Chairman
Fair Political Practices Commission